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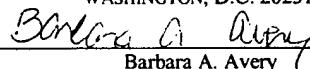
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The above-identified Applicants respectfully request that the following correction be made to the data shown in the Filing Receipt dated March 8, 2002.

The "Domestic Priority" data as claimed by applicant should be corrected to read as follows:

"THIS APPLICATION IS A CON OF 09/409,010 09/29/1999 ABN
WHICH CLAIMS BENEFIT OF 60/102,216 09/29/1999
AND CLAIMS BENEFIT OF 60/102,860 10/02/1998
AND CLAIMS BENEFIT OF 09/250,823 02/17/99 PAT 6,266,869"

A copy of the filing receipt showing the requested corrections is enclosed as well as a copy of the first page of the application reflecting the priority data.

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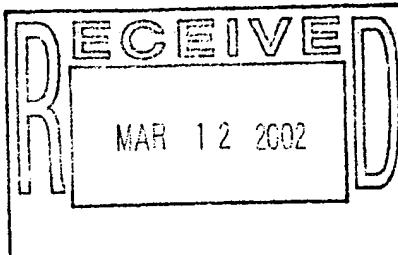
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PROCESSING ASSEMBLY AND METHOD

2 The present application is a continuation-in-part of United States Provisional
3 Patent Application Serial Number 60/102,216 for Processing Tray, filed September
4 29, 1999; United States Provisional Patent Application Serial Number 60/102,860,
5 for Method for Manufacturing a Head Gimbal Assembly, filed October 2, 1998; and
6 United States Patent Application Serial Number 09/250,823 for Manufacturing
7 Apparatus and Method, filed February 17, 1999, the specifications of which are
8 incorporated herein in their entirety by reference.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

10 The present invention relates generally to the assembly of component parts
11 into a combined unit and particularly to a novel, stackable processing tray useful for
12 shipping component parts, holding the component parts during the processing, and
13 subsequent shipping of assembled parts for further processing.



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